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SUMMARY: ABOUT 300 DEMONSTRATORS ENDED ODEMIS-IZMIR MARCH AT DOWNTOWN SQUARE, DEC. 11 AND WITHOUT INCIDENT HEARD SPEAKERS DEMAND US
AND USSR GET OUT OF MEDITERRANEAN. USSR DREW SOMEWHAT GREATER THUNDER THAN US, PERHAPS BECAUSE OF CURRENT RUMORS OF PENDING SIGNING OF TURKISH-SOVIET "POLITICAL DOCUMENT." END SUMMARY.
1. IN OVERCAST, BUT DRY WEATHER, DEMONSTRATORS GOT OFF TO A LATE START DEC. 11 FROM IZMIR OUTSKIRTS, APPARENTLY IN

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HOPES THE APPROXIMATELY 300 MARCHERS WOULD BE JOINED BY OTHERS. FEW IF ANY RESPONDED AND WN, MARCHERS REACHED DOWNTOWN CUMHURIYET MEDANI (REPUBLIC SQUARE), TURNOUT REMAINED AROUND 300.
2. DEMONSTRATORS WERE PREDOMINATELY MALE UNDER 25 YEARS, AND PERHAPS BECAUSE OF FATIGUE RATHER SUBDUED IN RESPONDING TO THE SEVERAL SPEAKERS WHO HARANGUED THE GATHERING. FROM DISTANCE MARCHERS LOOKED RATHER WELL DRESSED (MOST WEARING PARKAS), BUT ON-SITE TURKISH OBSERVER COMMENTED THEY LOOKED LIKE POOR COUNTRY BOYS. THEY CARRIED FOURTEEN BANNERS AND ONE PLACARD. BOTH REPRESENTED VARIATIONS ON NEITHER AMERICA NOR RUSSIA -- MEDITERRANEAN FOR MEDITERRANEANS, INDEPENDENT TURKEY THEME AND
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IDENTIFICATION OF PARTICIPANTS (MEM DER-OFFICE WORKERS UNION;
ODEMIS LOCAL OF TOPRAK-IS--FARM WORKERS UNION; ODEMIS SUPPORTERS
OF THE PEOPLE GROUP; AND SIRINYA SUPPORTERS OF THE PEOPLE
GROUP).
3. THE SEVERAL SPEAKERS ALSO CONCENTRATED ON VARIATIONS OF
SAME THEMES, WITH SOMEWHAT GREATER ANTI-SOVIET EMPHASIS, CALLING
FOR CLOSURE OF STRAITS TO SOVIET NAVAL VESSELS AND DENOUNCING
TURKISH GOVT FOR ALLEGED INTENTION SIGN "AGREEMENT" WITH USSR.
SPEAKERS LESS PRECISELY ALSO REPEATEDLY DENOUNCED "AGREEMENTS

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WITH THE SUPERPOWERS", BUT DCA, UNLIKE MUCH RUMORED PENDING
"POLITICAL AGREEMENT" WITH USSR, WAS NEVER CITED. A FINAL
SPEAKER, INTRODUCED AS MEMBER OF TURKISH UNITY PARTY (TUP),
DEMANDED SUPER POWERS ALLOW GREECE AND TURKEY RESOLVE THEIR
OWN PROBLEMS.
4. A SPEAKER READ NUMBER OF CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAMS INCLUDING FROM
"PROLETARIAN WORKERS IN GERMANY", "PROLETARIAN REVOLUTIONISTS
IN IZMIR", PROLETARIAN WORKERS IN ANKARA" (ABOUT 10 DEMON-
STRATORS WERE RELIABLY IDENTIFIED AS COMING FROM ANKARA), AND
11 "REVOLUTIONISTS" PRESENTLY IN BUCA JAIL.
5. PLAIN CLOTHES POLITICAL DIVISION POLICE OFFICER TOLD AMCON-
GEN STAFF MEMBER THAT SIGNER OF LEAFLET DISTRIBUTED DURING
DEMONSTRATION, IN NAME OF MEDITERRANEAN ORGANIZING COMMITTEE,
EMCET OLCAYTU, WAS CHRONIC AGITATOR AFFILIATED WITH TUP AND
VOICED BELIEF TUP BEHIND THE EXERCISE. YENI ASIR, IZMIR'S
LARGEST DAILY, CONTINUED TO DESCRIBE DEMONSTRATORS AS "MAOISTS"
AND SUGGESTED THEY HAD SUPPORT OF EXTREMIST ORGANIZATIONS DEV-
GENC AND TIKKO.
6. ACCORDING JP MEMBER WHOSE HOME IN TORBALI, BOTH AT TOWNS OF
TORBALI AND CUMAOVASI MARCHERS VISITED COFFEE HOUSES TO ASK FOR

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DONATIONS OF MONEY FOR FOOD AND ONLY THROUGH INTERVENTION OF
JANDARMA MARCH ESCORT WAS ATTACK ON DEMONSTRATORS PREVENTED.
SAME SOURCE TOLD AMCONGEN STAFF MEMBER THAT BEFORE MARCHERS
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REACHED TORBALI LOCAL CONSERVATIVES SPOKE OF ORGANIZING
ASSAULT ON THE MARCHERS, BUT IZMIR JP PROVINCIAL PRESIKENT
TELEPHONED TORBALI PARTY PRESIDENT ORDERING NO INTERFERENCE.
7. MARCH AND DEMONSTRATION WERE PROCEEDED BY MASSIVE DISPLAY
OF PROFESSIONALLY PRINTED POSTERS, WHICH IN ADDITION TO ANTI-
SUPERPOWERS IN MEDITERRANEAN THEME CALLED FOR RELEASE FROM
PRISON OF KEMAL DOGAN, CHIEF EDITOR OF HALKIN SESI (VOICE OF
THE PEOPLE). SMALL TURN-OUT FOR THE EXERCISE IS EVEN MORE

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REMARKABLE IN LIGHT OF THESE ADVERTISEMENTS, AND UNDERSCORES
BASICALLY CONSERVATIVE NATURE OF VAST MAJORITY OF TURKISH
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